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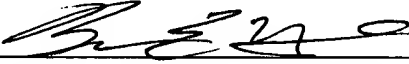
A Request for Continuation Application Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of the presently pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/970,377 is being concurrently filed under separate Letter. This Request for Extension for Response Within the First Month is being filed in order to ensure the copendency of the present Application and the Continuation Application.

Enclosed is an authorization for charging the amount of \$120.00 to Deposit Account No. 500777 to cover the One-Month Extension Fee. No other fees are deemed to be necessary; however, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Director to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 500777.

Please link this application to Customer No. 38441 so that its status may be checked via the PAIR System.

Respectfully submitted,

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